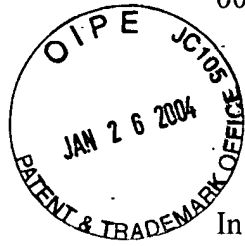


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: A. Rodriguez
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: Group Art Unit: 2828
Application No.: 09/531,958)
: Filed: March 21, 2000)
: For: LASER OSCILLATING)
: APPARATUS, EXPOSURE)
: APPARATUS, AND DEVICE)
: FABRICATION METHOD : January 22, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a
Request For Continued Examination has been filed, please amend the application as
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | * 11 | MINUS | ** 21 | = 0 | x \$9 \$18 | \$0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | * 3 | MINUS | *** 6 | = 0 | x \$43 \$86 | \$0.00 |
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- ☐ Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
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- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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